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## IS A REPORTER OUT THERE? MAYBE A PHOTOGRAPHER?

Discover Conesus would like to find one each of the above vanishing species.

We need a reporter to ask questions: somebody to dig out the who, where, when, which, why and how, and then pass the information on so we can print it. You don't need a degree in English, and if your spelling isn't quite post graduate level - that won't matter. We have an editor who takes care of that stuff!

Got the photography bug? Could you slide around town and capture a few pics a month to be printed in this newspaper? We'd love to include more pictures in Discover Conesus, but we need you, Mr. Photographer, to get in touch.

If anyone feels they could lend a hand filling these needs, please call Neal at 346-6808.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that works in partnership with volunteers to build and renovate simple, decent and affordable housing. The houses are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charges. HfH is not a give-away program; in addition to repayment of the mortgage, the homeowners must contribute hundreds of hours of their own labor to build their house and the houses of others.

Livingston County Habitat for Humanity was incorporated in July 1998. Since that time, construction has been completed on one home in Nunda and work on a second home in Dansville is progressing rapidly. In addition, volunteers have worked on two smaller renovation projects. Anyone interested in becoming a habitat volunteer or learning more about Habitat for Humanity, is encouraged to call 468-2265. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to: LCHfH, Box 1015, Nunda, NY 14517.

Steve Castor, President  
LCHfH

## - SNOWBIRDS! -

Have you left the western New York snow belt for the season? Are you currently basking in the sunshine of a more southerly climate away from the sub-zeros we currently enjoy(?) here in Conesus?

We want your Discover Conesus to follow you in your equatorial peregrinations like the tail follows a dog. Just a reminder to let us know both your seasonal addresses and the dates you'll occupy them.

Thanks for helping us serve you!

Ed.



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## St. William Catholic Church



Happy New Year to all. We survived the Y2K Bug and are now trying to stay warm. Winter has arrived, but with Valentine's Day and the presidents' birthdays coming soon, Spring can't be far behind... I hope!

I did not submit an article last month so I want to say our church was beautifully adorned in poinsettias, greens, and candles for our Christmas celebrations, and we were very pleased to have a Midnight Mass on December 25<sup>th</sup> with joyous musical accompaniment. Donna Sabo has given us many years of beautiful music, and has tutored many of our musicians and soloists. We are grateful for her time and talents, and all the talent of St. William parishioners.

Again this year our parish society donated to the Conesus Food Pantry for the purchase of meat or whatever items the pantry committee felt they needed to fill the many baskets distributed to the less fortunate. Many thanks to the dedicated individuals who spent many hours shopping, sorting, assembling, and delivering the groceries and gifts. Thanks also to the people who save their West Shurfine tapes for our church. The proceeds from the tapes, our "Pennies for the Poor" collections, and our coffee hour donations are deposited into our social ministry funds. It is from these funds and our tithing reimbursement that we are able to send gifts to our shut-ins and those in need. Any non-perishable food items, toiletries, detergents, and paper products can be brought to church on any Sunday for the pantry, or can be left at the town hall during the town clerk's office hours.

Recent coffee hours were hosted by Marie Henry and the Thompson family.

February is the month of expressions of love in cards, flowers, candy and gifts. Give your loved ones gifts of love in words and actions in February and every month of the year.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Shirley Mulvaney



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## FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR

Isn't it exciting to be facing a new year and a new century! Y2K problems were few thanks to careful planning, or maybe they were exaggerated a bit.

Our year began on January 1<sup>st</sup> with the swearing-in of our town officials. Justice Jim Dyes swore in Councilmen Dennis Witte and Charlie Dickerson, Town Clerk Paula Smith, new Highway Superintendent Mike White and myself. Jerry Barker was sworn in as Town Justice by a good friend of many years, Russell Coon, who serves as Justice in the neighboring town of Canadice. Family members and friends attended. Congratulations to all.

While preparing for the above ceremonies it was noticed that someone had used and left the Town Hall in an untidy state. If anyone desires to use the hall for an event, they must contact the Town Clerk or myself, enter it on the calendar on the bulletin board downstairs and, after use, leave the Town Hall as it was found.

On January 4<sup>th</sup> the Town Board held its year 2000 organizational meeting. I've provided the newspaper a copy of the year 2000 information. Also, there are copies at the Town Hall. The meeting was mostly re-appointments with the exception of Tom Bauer of McGinty Rd. who replaced Mike White on the Board of Assessment Review, and Kathy Jarzebek of E. Swamp Rd. who replaced Maggie Carlisle as Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Welcome aboard! Thanks to Mike for his service and a special thanks to Maggie Carlisle for her many years of service to the town as Deputy Town Clerk and Secretary to Planning and ZBA. Also, we have two new members on the Highway Committee - Rick Corrigan and Dave Jarzebek. Welcome to them!

We have set goals for the year 2000 with focus on our zoning. I expect the Zoning Advisory Committee under Debbie Farron will be active; we'll be continuing to clean up the Town, looking at parking at the park, finishing the senior field, public water in the hamlet, continuing the Turtlestone Festival, developing a highway plan and finishing job descriptions. Looks like a busy year for our town.

All of the above new appointees expressed an interest in working in the town on a committee. If any of you are interested in becoming more involved, please leave your home phone # with the Town Clerk, a Town Board member or myself. Quite often we have openings to be filled and it's great to have a pool of interested individuals to call upon.

The joint recreational program of Conesus/Livonia opened "The Spot" on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. It is located in the Hemlock school facilities. Our Recreational Director, Diane Kellogg, and Livonia Recreational Director, Ann Holevinski, are the coordinators with a group of volunteers lending their help. Councilwoman Farron and I were able to attend and were very impressed. Livonia Supervisor Tim Wahl was also there. The kids enjoyed games, music/dancing (provide by our own DJ's, Linda Stehlik and Keith Tucker), videos and snacks.

Brenda Donchue, Recycling Director, reminds everyone that they no longer will accept cash per bag at the Recycling Center. You must use a purchased punch card. This is being done for accounting purposes.

There have been concerns about parking on E. Lake Road. During the winter plowing season especially, large boats parked along the road are a hazard. Besides property damage possibilities (and salt damage), driving safety is a concern.

The County Board of Supervisors also had their organizational meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jim Merrick, Groveland Supervisor, was re-appointed Chairman and Gary Moore, Leicester Supervisor, as Vice Chair. Committee appointments were also made. I'm pleased to report that I remain Chairperson of Intergovernmental Affairs. We work with Social Services, Employment/Training, Youth Bureau and Historian. I also remain as a member of the Health Committee, which works with mental health, Office for the Aging, Health Department and the Skilled Nursing Facilities. My new appointment is as a member of the Finance Committee, which works primarily with the County Budget, Real Property Tax, County Administrator and Treasurer. I am looking forward to this assignment. I am a "bottom line" person and concerned with taxes on all levels. The county also has goals and challenges for the year 2000 and I am really proud to represent the interests of the Town of Conesus.

I will be at the Town Hall on Saturdays - 10am-1pm. Stop by or call 346-2579 or 335-5428.

Donna

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The mild early winter has attracted a large number of ducks and geese to Conesus Lake. While the waterfowl are a beautiful part of the lake environment, their long term presence on the lake should not be encouraged as they can be a major contributor to pollution.

"Pollution, including E. Coli bacteria, can be a problem when the waterfowl population is concentrated on the lake," reports Richard Davin, Conesus Lake Watershed Inspector. "I have noticed a large number of ducks and geese on the lake since early December, and it is important that residents and visitors to the lake area not encourage them to stay. Please don't feed the waterfowl," Davin stressed.

There are many sources of contamination that can effect water quality, and the overabundance of waterfowl has been linked to pollution problems in surface water elsewhere in New York State. Davin believes that the waterfowl population is just one source of contamination that impacts Conesus Lake. Efforts to control other sources are ongoing, including efforts to curb erosion and the improper use of pesticides and fertilizers.

For more information about Conesus Lake, or to obtain a homeowner's guide to help protect the lake, please call Mr. Davin at 243-7280.

## GETTING A NEW COMPUTER?

Many folks have purchased, or are planning to purchase new computers. It's not to wonder! If your machine is four years old the computer mavens politely say it's obsolescent, while if it's eight years old they'll snigger behind your back! Truthfully, it is a great time to buy: prices for amazingly powerful machines are really low.

Now we here at Discover Conesus aren't trying to push the computer market mind you, but if you *should* happen to purchase a new machine, we're lusting after the old one - don't throw it away!

Our needs are really quite simple; we don't need a super muscular machine for word processing. The arrangement we have in mind is to have our various contributors type their copy, load it to disk, get the disk to the editor who can then edit copy on screen and print it ready for paste-up. This procedure saves time, money and trees!

If you have an IBM clone (PC) computer that's scheduled to gather dust, an old, obsolete 386 or 486, we'd love to have it! Being a nonprofit organization, your donation is tax deductible: a definite plus as the world turns toward Income Tax day on April 17<sup>th</sup>. (Yes, it's usually the 15<sup>th</sup>, but that falls on a Saturday this year.)

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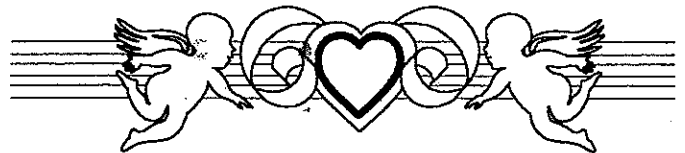
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Cantaloupe (1/2 cup)	35
Tomato juice (3/4 cup)	35

Hello Folks---

The month of January was kind of a "laid back" one for our members. The most activity was in the paying-the-bills category.

**DID YOU KNOW**

Eating away at stroke risk: eating just one or two more of the right fruits, vegetables and dairy foods each day can substantially reduce your risk for stroke. Researchers found that, over a 14 year period, the women who consumed at least 600mg. of calcium per day from certain foods (mainly dairy but also some non-dairy: see chart for examples), or who took supplements of at least 400mg. of calcium daily, were less likely to have a stroke than women who consumed less calcium. The recommended daily allowance for calcium is 1,000mg. up to age 50, and 1,200mg. after age 50. People who ate six or more servings of fruit and vegetables a day had the lowest risk of stroke. Vitamin supplement users and nonusers alike benefited from eating fruits and vegetables, as did both smokers and nonsmokers. Each additional serving lowered the risk of ischemic stroke (stroke caused by clogged arteries) by an estimated 6 percent. Cruciferous vegetables, citrus fruits, and foods high in vitamin C were associated with the lowest stroke risk. (see charts for examples).

These studies show that vitamin supplements can help lower your stroke risk; eating fruits, vegetables, and low-fat dairy foods provides some additional benefit. Adding just one or two servings of these foods a day, and aiming for variety over several days, is the wisest way to reduce stroke risk.

**CALCIUM RICH FOODS**

	Calcium, Mg.
Plain, non-fat yogurt (1 cup)	450
Tofu, regular (processed with calcium, 1/2 cup)	435
Skim milk (1 cup)	300
Calcium-fortified orange juice (3/4 cup)	225
Blackstrap molasses (1 tablespoon)	170
Dried figs (3)	80
Broccoli (1/2 cup)	45

**CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLES**

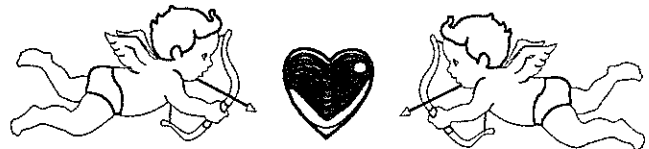
Arugula	Collards
Bok Choy	Kale
Broccoli	Mustard greens
Brussel sprouts	Radishes
Cabbage	Turnips (and turnip greens)
Cauliflower	Watercress


**VITAMIN C-RICH FOODS**

	Vitamin C, Mg.
Guava	165
Red bell pepper (1/2 cup)	95
Papaya (1/2 medium)	95
Orange juice (3/4 cup from concentrate)	75
Orange (1 medium)	60

Be Good to Yourselves,

Carolyn Martin





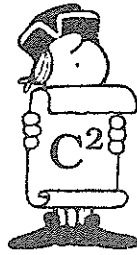
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## CONESUS

### CRIER

One of our all-time old-timers, Homosella Lowery, phoned me to say she enjoyed helping the Conesus Food Pantry gang. As they were preparing the Christmas gift and remembrance boxes she distributed the candy to them. Also, Homosella said, "I greatly appreciated the remembrance to me at Christmas from the Food Pantry, Legion Auxiliary, Golden Years Club and my many friends".

Congratulations to Hunter and April Forbes on the birth of their daughter, Madison, born on Christmas Day. She was a tiny package, weighing just 4 lbs., 14 ozs. Proud grandparents are Hazel DeLaney and Dick Forbes and Lynne & Oscar McKendrick.

"The Spot", a recreational center for kids from grades 5-10 is off and running in the Jack Evans Community Center in Hemlock. For dates and times contact Diane Kellogg at 346-5745.

#### Conesus student achievements:

Jenny Wilkins was interviewed and accepted to represent our country, town, Livonia school and her family for the Student Ambassador Program. She will be traveling to England, Ireland and Wales for three weeks this summer. To help raise money for Jenny's endeavor there will be a homemade "Bake and Candy Sale (think Valentine) at the Conesus Town Hall on Saturday, February 12th from 10am 'till 2pm. Good Luck, Jenny!



LCS SOPHOMORE EMILY CHRICHTON

Sophomore Emily Crichton (photo) has been chosen to represent Livonia Central School at the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference this spring. The HOBY Foundation, which sponsors the event, was founded with the mission of seeking out, recognizing and developing leadership potential among young people. Emily was selected for this honor as a result of her essay on leadership skills, a subject she clearly is well acquainted with as the senior high president of her youth group at the Livonia Central School.

Emily is thrilled to be representing Livonia at the HOBY conference and says, "I'm excited about talking to people from other schools and finding out about their lives and activities. I'm also hoping that this experience will help to expand my leadership skills". Emily, Best Wishes for continued success!

Bill and MaryAnn Clark's dog, Charlie, of Elm Street and the faithful mascot of the "Rustic Mini Barns" must be feeling sad and missing his friends as they expanded the business and moved to Rt.15 in Springwater. Hopefully Charlie is staying dry and sleeping comfortably in the new dog house given to him as a going away present from the owners of "Rustic Mini Barns"

Don and Jane Winsor took a 20 day get-away in January, stopping first to visit with their son Chris in Salt Lake City, Utah and then on to Palos Verdes Estates, California to spend time with their daughter Debbie.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Lynnea Fugle! She's turning the Big 30 on January 30!

Happy Birthday Greetings also, to the Johnstons of Clark Rd.! Krista---Jan.6; Cliff---Jan.17; Betty---Jan.20

Happy Birthday Wishes were extended to Amy Wester in the Democrat & Chronicle. She turned 13 on Jan. 13.

Fugle's Auto Parts, Inc. was honored at the December meeting of the Livonia Area Chamber of Commerce and presented with a certificate for bringing in business for over forty years.

Beginning 41 years ago in 1958, Francis Fugle towed wrecked vehicles, stripping them to re-use the good parts and scrapping (recycle today) the rest. Determination and hard work proved successful with the incorporation of six Fugle sons (Bill, Roger, Kirk, Larry, Jeff and Ron) ten years ago and now the owners. Continued Success!

Emily Bently of E. Lake Rd. said she counted over 50 white swans on Conesus Lake in front of her home at Christmas time. Beautiful!

Supervisor Donna Avery reports, "The Conesus Town Board recently approved a policy to reimburse the cost of replacing a mailbox and post up to \$20.00, if struck by the snow plow. Resident must present a receipt showing replacement cost. Also, it is recommended to configure the mailbox according to postal specs for snow plowing".

From the Democrat & Chronicle (January 14, 2000)  
Lakeville: DON'T FEED LAKE'S BIRDS, OFFICIALS ASK---  
Like a sign at the zoo, Livingston County Health Department is urging people not to feed the birds---specifically, Conesus Lake waterfowl. According to the Health Department, the mild winter has meant a larger-than-usual population of ducks and geese on the lake. The county does not want to encourage the birds to stay, because their droppings can contribute to E. coli bacteria problems on the lake. For details, call lake watershed inspector Dick Davin at 243-7280.

## CONESUS CRIER - Continued

Congratulations George and MaryAnn Stoltman, proud grandparents again of an 8 lb. 13oz. boy, Owen, born January 1st to their son Mark and daughter-in-law Heather of Chesapeake, Virginia. The Stoltmans recently returned home from a visit with their son and family, bringing 4 year old grandson Logan home with them. "He's a lot of fun", said MaryAnn.

Get Well Wishes go out to:

Mrs. Hotchkiss after having surgery. She is doing well at home. Julia Stoll of May Hill Rd. presently at Noyes Hospital. Adelbert Auinger of West Lake Rd. recovering and doing well after eye surgery. Carolyn Martin, after recent surgery, traveled to Arizona to her sister's home for R&R.

The roof is on and the walls are up. The new Conesus Fire Department building now has work started on the inside beginning with enclosing the meeting room. Stay tuned!

### OBITUARIES:

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

Wilma (Aprile) Gelo - died Dec.23, at age 96. Preceded by her husband, Anthony. Survived by her daughters Josephine Gelo and Francis (Sam) Cenname, nephew Augusta D'Aprile, formerly of Conesus.

Barry C. Swan - of Dansville died Dec.25. Survived by sisters Eleanor (Roger) Rawleigh, Wilhemina (Lynn) Edwards of Conesus, among other family and friends.

Pesa (Betty) Brandt - of E. Swamp Rd. died Dec.28. Survived by her husband Richard and children Paul and Debra and mother Ida Bukstein.

Shauna Lee Stokesberry - of federal Rd. suddenly, at age 6. Survived by parents Phillip and Sandra, sisters Rose and Stacy and aunt Mary Rawls of Conesus. There are many other family members in the area.

Lucy J. Spillman - of Rochester died Jan. 4 at age 82. Preceded by her husband George, survived by son Lt. Bernard Spillman, daughter-in-law Donna Spillman, grandchildren Christopher and Gregory of Conesus.

Raymond Elmer Stubbe - of FL. Died Jan 10. Survived by his sister Shirley Rutherford of Conesus (Joy Rd.)

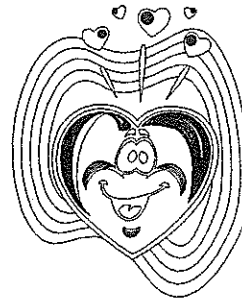
Charles Masick - died Jan.11 at age 84. Survived by his wife Mary (Checho) Masick of FL, 2 daughters and son-in-law. Donna (David) Dinehart of Lima, Mary Ellen McIntosh of FL Son and daughter-in-law, Charles S. (Mary) Masick of NYC

Lorraine C. Dantz (Hettrick) - died Jan.18 at age 61. Sister of Robert (Donna) Hettrick of Conesus, William Hettrick of Rochester, John (Kathy) Hettrick of Avon, Alan (Brenda) Hettrick of Dansville and Wilma (Norbert) Buckley of Wayland, a long time friend and care giver, Sandy Shaw of Wayland.

Elizabeth (Betty) McPherran - Murdock, KS. Died Jan.8. Formerly of Rochester. Survived by her mother, Constance Kornbau of Conesus, brother Joseph Kornbau of Livonia among other relatives in the area.

Two local college students have made the dean's list at Niagara University. Congratulations to Rachel Slater, daughter of Dan and Gloria Slater of Conesus, and Jesse Belanger who is living with his mom in Springwater.

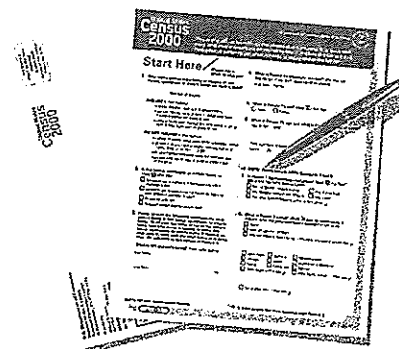
To Conesus residents and expatriates, all readers of Discover Conesus: this column is for you to share your child's success, a special event, anniversary, birth, birthday, etc., your projects and hobbies, fund-raisers and new businesses. Let me know when to express get well wishes to anyone in the community. All information needs to be in by the 3rd Monday of each month for the newspaper deadline. Be sure to get dates of events in for the following month. Write: Kay Vieira, 5350 Marrowback Rd., Conesus, NY 14435. Or call (716) 346-2408.



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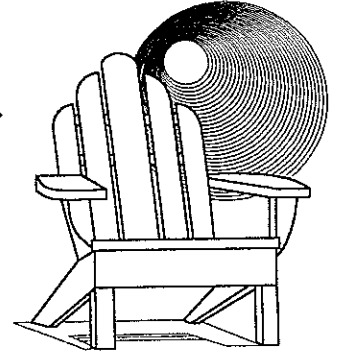
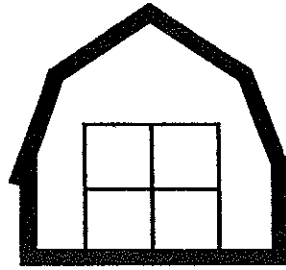
- A new slate of officers was proposed (to be voted on in February).
- Committee chairmen were appointed.
- Plans were firmed up for the planting and care of flower gardens at Ricky Greene Park and St. William Church (our meeting place).
- A schedule of interesting, informative and stimulating programs was outlined.

Whether you already have a green thumb or wish that you could develop one - think about attending our meetings - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm at St. William Church, Elm Street, EXCEPT in February!!! Cupid has priority over Garden Club on St. Valentine's Day so we will gather at the church on the 21<sup>st</sup> to listen and learn about houseplants. Our speaker will be Steve Plavcan from Lima Florist and Greenhouse. He will tell us how to keep our plants happy and healthy and also answer questions about plant care.

You are invited! Monday, February 21st, 7pm, St. William Church.

Maureen Watkins (346-2064)

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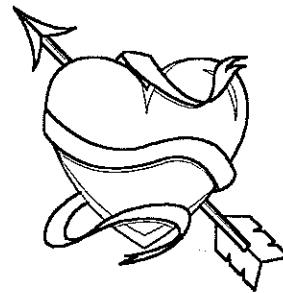
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## ***MY FRONT PORCH***

G. Slater

Everyone should have a secret or two.

For instance, I know that there's a time capsule buried in the backyard of my childhood home. It holds a sundry of items that a thirteen year old girl would, no doubt, believe valuable to historians. It's made from a Miracle Whip jar - the restaurant size.

I know where the rolled-up map to the time capsule is. Dated 1966. The map shows, in dashes of red pencil, how many paces from carport to honey locust tree to black felt-markered X. I know that the map was drawn on a smoothed out, brown grocery bag and that the edges were burned with a cigarette lighter heisted from my mother's handbag to add aged authenticity. That's one of my secrets.

I also know how to catch fish with chicken wire and a piece of string. For a while I had a few secret recipes, but the time came to pass them on and now they are someone else's.

In this Need-to-Know society we can, at least, claim our secrets as our own. We are lumped together by demographics so that marketing experts will be able to predict what brand of toilet paper a 35 year old factory worker with one year of college and two children will purchase six months from now. Or how welfare mothers are apt to vote in the next election. The fashion industry dictates what we will wear. The media feeds us our values, our goals, even our dreams. Let's face it. The government knows us down to our DNA. Even our dental records are up for grabs should we ever end up in smithereens. (I use to think that smithereens was a place. Somewhere in Wales, perhaps.)

We need secrets. Something all to ourselves. Something, so that people can say at our funerals, "Well, she took that to her grave, didn't she." Something that doesn't have to be kept in a safe deposit box at the bank; that can't be repossessed, seized, or confiscated.

Victor Hugo wrote, *'No one ever keeps a secret so well as a child.'* From my experiences as a child and of having children of my own I might amend Mr. Hugo's quotation by saying that no one ever keeps or *reveals* a secret so well as a child. Anyone who has more than one child knows that the whereabouts of the hiding place for Christmas gifts will be sniffed out and triumphantly reported to the others. Secrets are power and most children can not resist grabbing their share, should the opportunity present itself.

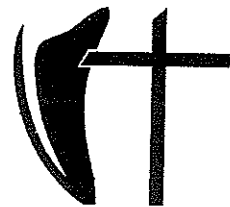
In the other direction, the power of a secret untold is to the child who has a hot stock tip is to the adult. A child will feel himself puff up a little with the ownership of some private knowledge. It doesn't matter that he is, most likely, the only person alive that would value such knowledge. The location of a robin's nest, how many stones can be carried in his coat pocket, what great grandpa looks like when he naps without his dentures. A child will walk taller just in the knowing. And be somehow diminished if he's ever found out.

We all need secrets. If only to allow for that smug look on the face.

## Livonia Grange #1180

The Grange has been busy for December and January. December found eight members meeting at the Livonia Inn for a delicious meal. Gifts were exchanged and Elnora Teed read several Christmas poems. Plans were then made for a meeting in January 2000, but so far the weather has not cooperated with us. At this writing we will try to meet January 27th. If the weather is again a problem, we will meet in February on the 10th, a regular meeting night, at 6:30pm. The place will be decided later. The members are still waiting to hear when they will be back at the Livonia Masonic Hall for their dish-to-pass meetings. Think Spring!

Elnora Teed



**Conesus  
United  
Church**

The people at church have been busy lately. Choir practice is held every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. Discipleship meetings are held every Thursday evening. Coffee hour is held on the third Sunday of each month and that is also parish pantry Sunday. Get well wishes are extended to Dorothy Hotchkiss who recently had a back operation and to all others who are ill in the community. God Bless All!

Elnora Teed

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

The Conlon-Mulvaney Legion Auxiliary met on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Legion post with 14 people present. Regular business was discussed with President Virginia Bortles presiding. Catherine Brown served a delicious cake and coffee. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Post Home at 7:30pm. This will be the annual Secret Pal Party. Everyone will exchange gifts and the new pals will be drawn for the year 2000. See you there!

Elnora Teed

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FEBRUARY 2000

- 1 12:30PM Golden Years Club Meeting  
Conesus United Church
- 1 7:30PM Conesus Town Board Meeting  
Town Hall Basement
- 2 7:30PM American Legion Meeting  
Conlon-Mulvaney Post
- 7 7:30PM Sons of the Legion
- 10 6:30PM Livonia Grange #1180
- 14 7:30PM Legion Auxiliary Meeting  
Conlon-Mulvaney Post
- 15 7:30PM Conesus Town Board Meeting  
Town Hall Basement
- 17 7:30PM Town Planning Board  
Town Hall Basement
- 21 7:00PM Conesus Countrythyme Garden  
Club - St. William Church  
(note date change)
- 21 7:30PM Ga-Ne-a-Sos History Keepers  
Town Hall Basement
- 21 6:00PM **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES  
FOR DISCOVER CONESUS NEWSPAPER**
- 21 7:00PM **MEETING FOR ALL STAFF MEMBERS  
OF DISCOVER CONESUS**
- 27 8AM-Noon Pancake Breakfast at  
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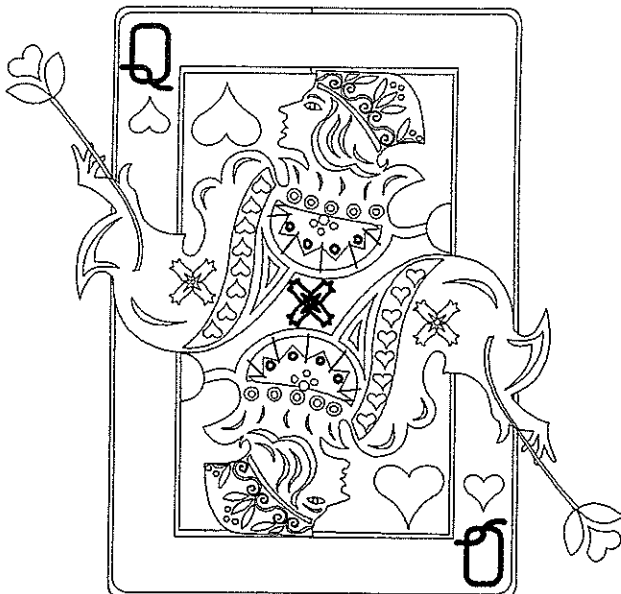
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